

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. A quorum was present.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike, CHAIR
VANG, Samantha, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul, Minority Lead
BURKEL, John
ECKLUND, Rob
HANSEN, Rick
HANSON, Jessica
KLEVORN, Ginny
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MILLER, Tim
NELSON, Nathan
THOMPSON, John

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous two meetings. The motions prevailed. The minutes from the April 9, 2021 meeting were adopted. The minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Presentation on aquaculture in Minnesota

Testifying:

- Clarence Bischoff, MN Aquaculture Association
- Don Schreiner, MN Sea Grant
- Tonny Vang, Happy Fish Aquaponics, LLC
- Michael Ziebell, Tru Shrimp
- Barry Thoele, Live Aqua
- Dean Dovolis, East Philips Neighborhood Institute
- Glenn Ford, Praxis / InCity Farms
- Karen Clark, Women's Environmental Institute
- Jessica Coburn, Blue Water Farms
- Constance Carlson, UMN Extension, Rural Sustainable Development Partnerships, Forever Green Initiative
- Harold Stanislawski, AURI

Update on Drought in Minnesota: Impact on ag/food supply and resources

- Commissioner Thom Petersen
- Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vaubel
- Gary Wertish, President, MN Farmers Union
- Kevin Papp, President, MN Farm Bureau

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant